



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 9, 2023**  
**Schedule 18**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 10 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

**HB 827**    **Delegate Ivey**

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – GATEWAY ARTS DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Gateway Arts Development Authority in Prince George’s County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2025.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023**

EC, §§ 12-901 through 12-906 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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**HB 828 Delegate Smith****VEHICLE TOWING OR REMOVAL – PARKING LOTS – MAXIMUM FEES**

Clarifying the basis for determining the maximum amount for the fee that a vehicle owner can be charged by a person who undertakes the towing or removal of the vehicle from a parking lot.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-10A-04(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 829 Delegate Ruth****RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – NEW CONSTRUCTION – SETBACKS**

Establishing a certain setback requirement for approval of construction of new retail service stations on or after October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, §§ 1-401(b)(22), 7-501, and 10-103(b)(20) - added and §§ 1-401(b)(22) through (27) and 10-103(b)(19) and (20) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 830 Delegate Terrasa, et al****RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OR SIGNIFICANT RENOVATION – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**

Establishing and altering certain requirements related to the installation of equipment for the charging of electric vehicles during the construction or significant renovation of certain housing units; and clarifying that a county or municipal corporation may require a greater number of electric vehicle parking spaces under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 12-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 831 Delegate Stein****ENVIRONMENT – SEPTIC SYSTEMS – ONLINE DATABASE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and maintain a certain online database of all septic systems installed in the State to track certain information; requiring a local jurisdiction to report information on septic systems to the Department in a manner determined by the Department; and requiring the Department to establish a workgroup to oversee the development and population of the database.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-1114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 832 Delegates Queen and White****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK – WAGE RANGE TRANSPARENCY**

Altering the requirement that an employer disclose certain wage information to an applicant for employment; requiring an employer or, under certain circumstances, an employer agency, to disclose certain wage information in certain postings and to certain employees at certain times; requiring an employer to set the wage range disclosed in good faith; prohibiting an employer from taking a certain retaliatory action; and requiring each employer to keep a record of compliance with certain provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 3-301, 3-304.2, 3-305, 3-307, and 3-308(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 833 Delegate Holmes****HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RECORDED LIENS – VOTING PROHIBITION**

Authorizing a homeowners association to include in its governing documents a provision prohibiting a lot owner from voting at a meeting if the homeowners association has recorded a statement of lien on the lot owner's property and the amount necessary to release the lien has not been paid at the time of the meeting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 11B-111.11 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 834 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE – REQUIREMENTS (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RELIABILITY ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to expand the EV Pilot Program to allow participating electric companies to install EV charging stations in multifamily dwellings in underserved communities; requiring an electric company operating an EV charging network to ensure the EV charging stations in the EV charging network have a an average annual uptime of 97% or greater; requiring an electric company operating an EV charging network to be subject to certain reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, §§ 7-901 through 7-905 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

**HB 835 Cecil County Delegation****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS – TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

Creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the Town of Charlestown, Cecil County, subject to requirements and conditions on the equipment and operation of the golf cart; and authorizing the Town Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown to designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart in the Town of Charlestown.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.7 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 836 Delegate Holmes****RESIDENTS OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – DISCHARGE OF LIABILITIES IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS**

Prohibiting an assessment, a charge, a fee, or a fine, or a lien related to an assessment, a charge, a fee, or a fine, owed to the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association, from being discharged in bankruptcy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CA, § 5-6B-29 and RP, §§ 11-110(c) and (d) and 11B-117(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 837 Delegate Holmes****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE SALES – PURCHASER  
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a purchaser of residential property in a condominium or homeowners association at a foreclosure sale to immediately record an instrument transferring the residential property and requiring the purchaser to immediately begin payment of regular assessments until the title to the residential property is recorded by a new owner; and authorizing the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to charge the purchaser a fine of up to \$500 per month if the regular assessments are not paid.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 7-105.16 - amended and § 7-105.19 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 838 Delegate Henson****HOUSING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACT –  
FUNDING**

Requiring the Administrator of a certain abandoned property fund to distribute \$5,000,000 to a certain Community Development Program Fund; altering the contents of the Community Development Program Fund to include any money distributed from a certain abandoned property fund; and repealing a certain provision providing for the construction of certain Acts of the General Assembly concerning the Community Development Program Act.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

CL, § 17-317 and HS, § 6-606 - amended and Chapters 801 and 802 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 839 Delegate Qi, et al****INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CLEAN ENERGY HOMES PILOT PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND RESILIENT AND CLEAN ENERGY HOMES ACT)**

Requiring each investor-owned electric company, on or before January 1, 2024, to file with the Public Service Commission an application for a pilot program to support residential customer adoption of beneficial electrification measures; requiring the pilot program to include a certain make-ready program, a certain rebate program, a certain multifamily housing facilities clean energy incentive program, and a certain load management and electric grid support services program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, §§ 7-901 through 7-913 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 840 Delegate Boyce****CLIMATE, LABOR, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY ACT OF 2023**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for certain communication with certain residents in a certain manner; and altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 1-7A-01 through 1-7A-05 - added and § 2-1305 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 841 Delegate Grammer****REAL PROPERTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – RODENT HARBORAGE**

Authorizing an individual to bring a nuisance action for damages caused by rodent harborage on real property against an owner of the property; defining “rodent harborage” as a condition that provides sustenance or shelter for rodents, promotes their reproduction and continued existence on a property, creates or contributes to property damage, is injurious to public health and safety, or obstructs the reasonable use of the property; and authorizing the court to award compensatory and punitive damages to a prevailing plaintiff.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 842 Delegate Ghrist, et al****AGRICULTURAL LAND – FOREIGN PROPERTY INTERESTS – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting foreign persons from purchasing, leasing, or otherwise acquiring certain interests in agricultural land in the State on or after October 1, 2023; and providing that the transfer of a certain interest in agricultural land to a foreign person is void as against the public policy of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 14-101 - amended and § 14-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 843 Delegate Smith, et al****BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Task Force to study approaches to water and wastewater governance in the Baltimore region, and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2024.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 844 Delegates Pasteur and Holmes****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish and maintain a website that provides certain information on the rights and responsibilities of individuals living in a common ownership community.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HS, § 2-303 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 845 Delegate Wivell****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENT WITH FALSE INFORMATION – PENALTIES AND ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE**

Prohibiting a person from recording a deed or other instrument that the person knows or has reason to know contains false information; establishing a 3–year limitation on when a prosecution for a violation of the Act may be commenced; establishing a fine not to exceed \$500 for a violation of the Act; and authorizing a court to award certain costs and attorney’s fees in an action to quiet title if the action or a defense to an action is based on the alleged recordation of a deed containing false information.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-106(gg) and RP, § 3-104.2 - added and RP, § 14-617 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 846 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AND SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – IMPOUNDMENT**

Authorizing violations recorded by traffic control signal and speed monitoring systems occurring in Baltimore City to be treated as parking violations for the purpose of impoundment of certain vehicles under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, §§ 21-202.1(i) and 21-809(h) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 847 Delegate Stein****ANAEROBIC DIGESTION WORKGROUP**

Establishing an Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup to study, identify, examine, and make recommendations on certain aspects of anaerobic digestion; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters



**HB 848 Delegate Rose****DRINKING WATER – INNOVATIVE POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Innovative Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department of the Environment for the purpose of authorizing the regulated use of reclaimed water as a source for drinking water treatment facilities; providing for the issuance of potable reuse permits under the Pilot Program; applying certain public participation requirements to potable reuse permits; requiring the Department to submit a report on the status of the Pilot Program to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

EN, § 1-601(a) - amended and § 9-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 849 Delegate Moon, et al****SCHOOL BUS STOPS – VIOLATIONS – ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY MEASURES**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to issue a warning for certain first violation on State highways enforced by school bus monitoring cameras; and requiring the State Highway Administration to develop a certain plan for improved safety measures at certain school bus stops in Montgomery County and to report its findings to certain persons on or before December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, § 21.706.1(e) and (f)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 850 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMERCIAL PROPERTY – RIGHT OF PURCHASE PG 405–23**

Requiring the District Council of Prince George's County to notify and consider comments of the governing body of the municipality in which certain property is located before the sale of certain commercial property; and providing that a certain governing body has the preemptive right to the purchase of certain commercial property under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, § 25-403 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 851 Delegate Wilkins, et al****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – DEVELOPMENT OF OUTDOOR LIGHTING STANDARDS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2024, to develop outdoor lighting standards that consider energy consumption, environmental, public health, and public safety impacts of outdoor lighting; and requiring the Department to consult with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the State Highway Administration in developing the standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 12-1301 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 852 Delegate Stewart, et al****LAND USE – EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING – APPLICATION TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

Requiring, on or after July 1, 2024, a county that uses an expedited development review process for proposed affordable housing developments to consider certain applications from bona fide religious organizations under the expedited development review process; and authorizing a county to opt out of the provisions of the Act by establishing an expedited development review process and by adopting a local law prohibiting the consideration of applications from religious organizations on or before June 30, 2024.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LU, § 7-105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 853 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – CONTROL OVER POWERS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Repealing a prohibition on certain Baltimore City ordinances or acts of certain municipal officials from conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or interfering with the powers of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (27) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 854 Delegate Attar****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – REVISIONS**

Expanding the scope of certain expungement provisions to include an investigatory file and a certain record of the work product of a law enforcement unit; providing that a police record or a court record that has been expunged may not be used for any purpose and shall be treated as if the record never existed; and repealing certain provisions of law relating to the authority of a court to order the opening or review of an expunged record or the disclosure of information from an expunged record.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, §§ 10-101, 10-102, and 10-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 855 Delegate Moon****CRIMINAL LAW – CANNABIS LIMITS**

Altering, with respect to certain civil offenses involving cannabis, the definitions of “civil use amount” and “personal use amount” to include one or more combinations of certain amounts of cannabis.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CR, § 5-101(e-2) and (u) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 856 Delegate Attar****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – BALTIMORE CITY CONVICTED GUN OFFENDERS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Baltimore City Convicted Gun Offenders Pilot Program to provide convicted gun offenders with individualized case treatment plans, guidance, supervision, and rehabilitation services; authorizing the court to order an individual to participate in the Program as a condition of probation; requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024 and each year thereafter on the effectiveness of the Program and any information to help determine if a statewide program should be implemented; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 6-123 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 857 Delegate Clippinger, et al****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION – AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE**

Expanding the investigative jurisdiction of the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General to include a police-involved incident resulting in injury to an individual that is not otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Division; repealing a requirement that the Division submit a certain report to a certain State's Attorney at a certain time; and authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute certain criminal matters under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 4-527 and SG, §§ 6-602 and 6-603 - amended and SG, § 6-604 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 858 Delegate Cardin****HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE – AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR – DISPOSITIVE ISSUES OF LAW**

Authorizing the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office to rule on dispositive issues of law under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-2A-05(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 859 Delegate Smith****CRIMINAL LAW – PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the court after a defendant subject to home monitoring as a condition of pretrial release has been missing for 24 hours; and requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the Division of Parole and Probation upon determining that an individual subject to home monitoring as a condition of probation has been missing for 24 hours.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 20-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 860 Delegate Hartman, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN DENIAL – REFUND OF APPLICATION FEE**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to refund certain application fees to individuals who were denied a permit to wear, carry, or transport a firearm from July 5, 2019, to July 5, 2022, for failing to satisfy a certain good and substantial reason requirement and who files a claim in a form and containing the information and supporting documents required by the Secretary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 861 Delegate Smith****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIM COMPENSATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; altering certain duties, powers, and procedures for the Board to make awards to victims of crime; altering the amount and types of awards the Board is authorized to make to victims of crime; authorizing reconsideration and judicial review of decisions of the Board; requiring the Governor to include \$7,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund beginning in fiscal year 2025; and altering funding for the Fund.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 862 Delegate Ziegler, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH**

Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 11-108 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 863 Delegate Bartlett****PUBLIC HEALTH – CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – CORRECTIONS TO AUTOPSY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Altering, from 60 days to 180 days, the time period after a medical examiner files findings and conclusions resulting from an autopsy during which a person in interest may request the medical examiner to correct findings and conclusions on the cause and manner of death recorded on a certificate of death.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 5-310(d) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 864 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD AND OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS**

Repealing provisions of law establishing and providing for the responsibilities of the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board; requiring the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights to review and investigate all complaints alleging police misconduct involving a member of the public and a police officer in a certain manner; providing that the Board may not initiate a new investigation into an allegation of police misconduct after July 1, 2023; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 16-41 through 16-54 - repealed and § 16-56 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 865 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – DISCLAIMED PROPERTY AND EXEMPTIONS FROM PREPAYMENT**

Authorizing Baltimore City to acquire certain disclaimed residential real property of a decedent's estate under certain circumstances; exempting, under certain circumstances, grants of residential real property in Baltimore City from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent and transfers of certain disclaimed residential real property to Baltimore City from certain provisions of law requiring the prepayment of certain real property taxes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ET, §§ 3-105 and 10-103(b) and RP, § 3-104(c) - amended and ET, § 10-106 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 866 Delegate Ivey****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION FOR ENERGY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE – ALTERATION**

Exempting the sale of electricity, steam, or artificial or natural gas for use in residential condominiums, cooperative housing, or apartments from the sales and use tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 867 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – COLLECTION OF UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish an installment payment program for taxes in arrears on residential property; authorizing the Mayor of Baltimore City to cancel the annual tax sale; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish a program to divert residential property from the private tax lien sale process into an alternative program for the payment of taxes in arrears; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TP, §§ 10-209, 14-811(b)(4), and 14-894 - added and § 14-808(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 868 Delegate McCaskill, et al****CHILD CARE PROVIDER STABILIZATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Child Care Provider Stabilization Program in the State Department of Education; and requiring, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation in an amount sufficient to fund the Program.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 9.5-117 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 869 Delegate Boyce****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – STUDY ON DEATHCARE AND FUNERAL PRACTICES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Labor, to conduct a study of the environmental and public health impacts of deathcare and funeral practices in the State; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 870 Delegate Guyton****DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education and the Developmental Disabilities Administration in the Maryland Department of Health to enter into a memorandum of understanding, the terms of which shall include a data sharing agreement for the medical and psychological records of mutual clients in order to expedite decisions regarding eligibility for services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 21-301 and 21-304 - amended and HG, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 871 Delegate Hill****DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, RELIGIOUS TESTS, AND OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS**

Altering and removing references requiring a belief in God from certain provisions relating to religious freedom, religious tests, and oaths and affirmations.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 36 and 37 - amended and Art. 39 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 872     Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SERVICE IN REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – CONTRACTS MC/PG 111–23

Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into contracts with the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a water supply, sewer, or drainage system for certain property located within a regional transit district in Prince George’s County; and requiring that a contract entered into under the Act include and address certain items.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 17-204 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 873     Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – COMMISSIONER QUALIFICATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER VOTING POWERS MC/PG 108–23

Requiring certain qualifications for at least one Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission commissioner from each county; and providing that the general manager of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has certain voting powers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 17-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 874     Delegate Stewart, et al**

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONITORING UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Environment and Natural Resources Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases against persons that violate State criminal environmental and natural resources laws and to assist the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in investigating or bringing a civil action regarding a violation of State civil environmental and natural resources laws; and requiring the Unit to report to certain entities in the State on all its activities, findings, and recommendations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 6-701 and 6-702 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 875 Delegate McCaskill, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND REPARATIONS COMMISSION  
– ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to develop and administer a program to provide compensatory benefits to the descendants of individuals enslaved in the State; providing that any individual whose ancestors were enslaved in the State is eligible to receive certain benefits; authorizing the Commission to seek the assistance of State agencies to develop and evaluate processes and applications; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill such sums as are necessary to carry out the Act; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 9-3801 through 9-3808 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 876 Delegate Smith****MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – LOCAL TEAMS –  
ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RECORDS**

Altering the information to which a local maternal mortality review team is to be provided access on request of the chair of the team; and requiring that a local team be provided immediate access to requested information and records including information on prenatal care maintained by a health care provider regarding a woman whose death is being review by the local team.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 13-1209 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 877 Delegate Feldmark****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS –  
INTAKE AND RELEASE (REENTRY SUCCESS ACT)**

Requiring the Division of Correction to provide screening for and access to certain mediation for an incarcerated individual; requiring the Division to work with an incarcerated individual to ensure access to medication, social service programs, and public transportation at the time of the incarcerated individual's release; and requiring a State transit system or transit system partially funded by the State to provide the Division with transit passes for use by released incarcerated individuals at no cost to the Division.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 3-610 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 878 Delegate D. Jones****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS –  
POLICY AND ACCESS**

Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to accommodate students who need to participate in telehealth appointments during the school day; and requiring each public middle and high school to designate a space that meets certain requirements for student telehealth appointments.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 879 Delegate Rose, et al****CARROLL COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS –  
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Carroll County.

EMERGENCY BILL

PLL of Carroll Co, Art. 7, § 3-101(d) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 880 Delegate Conaway****EDUCATION – PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS – COURSE ON  
COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum standards and county boards of education to develop and implement a curriculum for a course on the collateral consequences of a criminal conviction for public middle school students in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 881 Delegate Queen****EARLY LEARNING COLLABORATIVES – ESTABLISHED AND TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Authorizing certain public and private providers of prekindergarten to form certain early learning collaboratives as part of a certain publicly funded prekindergarten program; requiring certain funds to be distributed to an early learning collaborative in a certain manner; allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain monetary contribution made by a certain person to an early learning collaborative; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 5-229(d), 7-1A-01, 7-1A-04(b), and 7-1A-05 - amended and §§ 7-1A-05.1 and 7-1A-05.2 - added and TG, § 10-757 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 882 Delegate Smith****LANDLORD AND TENANT – HOLDING OVER – LANDLORD RESTRICTIONS AND TENANT REMEDIES**

Establishing that the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction over certain residential eviction cases; clarifying that a tenant holding over may file a petition for injunctive relief under certain circumstances; authorizing a landlord in Baltimore City to take possession of a dwelling only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 4-401(7), RP, § 8-216, and PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 9-15 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation

**HB 883 Delegate Feldmark****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – JOB DUTIES AND SALARIES**

Altering the minimum salary for and establishing certain salary increases for certain public school employees; altering the duties of an assistant principal on the career ladder; and repealing a requirement that a county board of education must select a certain teacher on the teacher leadership track of the career ladder to write certain curriculum and assessment plans.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 6-1003(b) and 6-1004(e) - amended and § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 884 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing Baltimore City to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by certain associations or on behalf of certain contractors in order to satisfy certain county bond requirements; and providing that Baltimore City is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain certificates of guarantee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

IN, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 885 Delegate Amprey****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT**

Clarifying that the defined term “related event” as it applies to a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City includes events for which tickets are sold in advance or at the door or cover charges are imposed; reducing the number of days within which a person must apply for a permit, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City must take certain actions relating to the permit, and alterations may be made to the permit; and altering the standards for determining the permit fee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-1102.2 and 12-2802 and Chapter 764 of the Acts of 2019, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 886 Delegate Amprey****BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to the holder of a Class C beer and light wine license under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-1603(c)(14) and (15) and 12-2005(d) - amended and § 12-1603(c)(16) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 887 St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – NEW FACILITIES**

Requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to obtain the approval from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County before submitting a loan application where the Commission seeks to incur debt upon the full faith and credit of the county; requiring the Commission to cause studies, plans, and estimates to be made for new facilities in certain portions of the county; requiring any excess revenue made by the Commission in the sale or transfer of certain debt to be exempt from taxation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, §§ 113-1, 113-3C., 113-5A., 113-6B., 113-7C., 113-11G., 113-17D., 113-19C., and 113-20 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 888 Delegate Solomon, et al****EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION AND REPORTING**

Authorizing prekindergarten alternative teacher preparation programs; altering certain reporting requirements to include reports on prekindergarten alternative teacher preparation programs; and altering the high staff qualifications for ensuring the program quality of eligible prekindergarten providers beginning in the 2025–2026 school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 5-408(a)(3), 5-413(b)(12), 6-120(a) and (b), 6-126(a), and 7-1A-04(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 889 Delegate Ruth****RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SERVICE STATION CONVERSIONS**

Requiring, for the approval of a new retail service station on or after October 1, 2023, the person constructing the station to install at the station a certain number of electric charging stations; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property under certain circumstances; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

BR, § 10-504 and TP, § 9-268 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

**HB 890 Delegate Acevero****COMMISSION ON HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVICS IN EDUCATION**

Establishing the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education to make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to further the discovery, interpretation, and learning of the history, culture, and civics of the United States and Maryland; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the State Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 30 each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-132 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 891 Delegate Amprey****INDEPENDENT STUDY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC STUDY ACT OF 2023)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to contract with an independent entity to conduct a study of the staffing capacity, organizational structure, processes, and strategic focus of the Commission; and requiring, on or before July 1, 2024, the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PU, § 2-124 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 892 Delegate Ivey****ENVIRONMENT – COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING FOR OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES**

Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefitting census tracts with an EJ Score of .76 or greater; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, § 5-803(h) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 893 Delegate Love****ENVIRONMENT – WATER UTILITIES – SHUTOFF PROTECTIONS (WATER ACCESS FOR ALL PROTECTION ACT)**

Authorizing a certain water utility to temporarily shut off service for reasons of health or safety or in a State or national emergency, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service for certain reasons; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service on receipt of certain information; and prohibiting the sale of property solely to enforce a lien imposed for unpaid water, sewer, or sanitary system charges, fees, or assessments except in certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-2A-01 through 9-2A-03 - added and §§ 9-658(g)(2), 9-662, 9-663, 9-724, 9-939, and 9-951 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 894 Delegate Chisholm, et al****ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – SOURCED, MANUFACTURED, AND ASSEMBLED IN THE UNITED STATES**

Prohibiting the State Board of Elections from certifying a voting system unless the State Board determines that the voting system is sourced, manufactured, and assembled in the United States.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2028

EL, § 9-102(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 895 Delegate Hornberger****STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS – LIMITED ENERGY CONTRACTORS AND LIMITED ENERGY INTEGRATORS – LICENSING**

Altering the composition of the State Board of Electricians; and requiring the Board to license limited energy contractors and limited energy integrators as State licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

BOP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 896 Delegate Fair, et al****PROPERTY TAX APPEALS – COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY – FEES**

Requiring certain filing fees when filing an appeal of a property tax assessment or classification of commercial or industrial property with an assessed value greater than \$1,000,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TP, §§ 14-509(a) and (b) and 14-512(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 897 Delegate Feldmark****HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED HOMEOWNER – APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the application requirements for the homeowners' tax credit to allow homeowners with certain types of income to file an application every 3 years, subject to a certain certification requirement.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 9-104(l) - amended and § 9-104(v) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 898 Delegate Feldmark****PROPERTY TAX – RENTERS’ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY AND CREDIT AMOUNT**

Increasing certain amounts that are used to determine eligibility for and calculate the amount of certain property tax credits under the renters’ property tax relief program and the homeowners’ property tax credit program; and requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to evaluate, as compared to inflation, certain income limitations on eligibility for and the calculation of the tax credits and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, and every 3 years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, §§ 9-102(h) and (i) and 9-104(g) and (j) - amended and §§ 9-102(k) and 9-104(v) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 899 Delegate D. Jones****STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

Altering requirements for the removal from office of the State Administrator of Elections; and repealing the authority of the State Administrator to continue to serve in office until a successor is appointed and confirmed following a certain vote for removal of the State Administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, § 2-103(b)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 900 Delegate Kerr****OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – PUBLIC BUILDINGS – INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Secretary of the Environment, the Secretary of Health, and the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, to adopt a comprehensive indoor air quality standard for public buildings on or before October 31, 2025; requiring the Commissioner to establish a technical advisory committee to make certain recommendations regarding the development of the comprehensive indoor air quality standard; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 5-1301 and 5-1302 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 901 Delegates Solomon and Wilson****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – CHILDREN’S DATA**

Requiring a business that offers an online product likely to be accessed by children to complete a certain data protection impact assessment under certain circumstances; prohibiting a business from offering a certain online product before completing a data protection impact assessment; requiring businesses to document certain risks associated with certain online products; requiring certain privacy protections for certain online products; prohibiting certain data collection and sharing practices; providing certain exemptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 14-4501 through 14-4513 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 902 Delegates Pruski and Rogers****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – HERNIA**

Specifying a time period within which a covered employee must report to the employer a diagnosis of athletic pubalgia hernia within 45 days after the diagnosis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 9-504 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 903 Delegate Crosby****INSURANCE – MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – ASSESSMENTS**

Altering the formula for the calculation of certain assessments by the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, under certain circumstances, to authorize the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to withdraw certain amounts from a certain overassessment account to offset certain private passenger auto and commercial auto assessments; prohibiting members of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association from being subject to an annual assessment under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

IN, §§ 20-404, 20-405, 20-409, and 20-410 and TR, § 17-106(e) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

**HB 904     Delegate Qi, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS – ALTERATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (ENERGY SAVINGS ACT)**

Altering the goals and requirements of certain energy efficiency programs to include certain greenhouse gas emissions reductions from electric companies and gas companies beginning January 1, 2024; requiring the EmPOWER Maryland Program to provide consumer rebates, and promote the use of certain federal rebates, for certain technologies; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and electric utilities to promote fuel switching from gas to electricity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-211(d), (g), (h), (i), and (k) - amended and § 7-211.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 905     Delegate Hinebaugh****GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023**

Altering a certain condition under which the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County may issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to a hotel or motel; authorizing a gift basket permit holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler; authorizing a holder of a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license to hold another license that is issued by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 21-902(c), 21-1001.3(f), 21-1309, 21-1310, 21-2006, and 21-2201 - amended and § 21-2202 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 906     Delegate Harrison****OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – CRIMINAL HISTORY – PROHIBITED DISCLOSURES AND PREDETERMINATION REVIEW PROCESS**

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 1-209 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 907 Delegate Watson****PUBLIC SAFETY – OUT-OF-SERVICE ELEVATORS – REPAIR CONTRACT**

Authorizing a landlord or landlord's agent to enter into a contract with a certain elevator contractor other than the elevator contractor with whom the landlord has a contract if the property has a tenant who is disabled or over 60 years old, the elevator is out of service, and the contractor is able to repair the elevator before the contractor with whom the landlord has a contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 12-817 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 908 Delegate Clippinger, et al****ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

Making permanent the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; requiring a community solar energy generating system to serve at least 40% of its kilowatt-hour output to low-income and moderate-income subscribers under certain circumstances; authorizing a subscription coordinator to act on behalf of a subscriber organization; altering requirements related to the siting and size of certain community solar energy generating systems projects; authorizing the use of consolidated billing for certain charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-306.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 909 Delegate Holmes****STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring an independent evaluation of the Commission to be conducted under the supervision of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

BOP, § 16-802 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 910 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****ENERGY STORAGE – TARGETS AND MARYLAND ENERGY STORAGE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for the deployment of new energy storage devices in the State; and requiring the Commission to establish and implement the Maryland Energy Storage Program to meet certain energy storage goals and develop a certain energy storage system in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-216.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 911 Delegate Vogel, et al****MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER – CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDER’S FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund in the Maryland Clean Energy Center to provide early-stage funding for start-up companies focused on qualified projects in climate technologies; requiring the Center to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, each year on the use of the Fund and outcomes of investments made from the Fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$500,000 for the Fund.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, § 10-858 - renumbered and §§ 10-858 through 10-861 - added and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 912 Delegate Acevero****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FAITH-BASED AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS – ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY**

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a written policy that provides reasonable academic accommodations for students to practice sincerely held faith-based or religious beliefs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 15-136 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 913 Delegate Lopez, et al****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – STUDENT FINANCING COMPANIES – REQUIRED REGISTRATION AND REPORTING**

Requiring student financing companies to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation before providing services in the State; and requiring student financing companies to report certain information to the Commissioner by March 15, 2024, and each March 15 thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FI, §§ 12-1101 through 12-1105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 914 Delegate Jackson****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – JUDICIAL REVIEW – PROCEEDINGS**

Clarifying that a certain proceeding for judicial review of a final decision or order by the Public Service Commission may be instituted in a circuit court for a county in which the public service company that is a party to the proceeding provides service or in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 3-204 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 915 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION PAYMENT PROGRAM AND CLIMATE IMPACT HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for certain climate change adaptive or mitigation infrastructure projects and efforts to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, §§ 2-1701 through 2-1706 and IN, §§ 31-123 and 31-124 - added and IN, § 31-107 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

**HB 916 Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIOLATION PROCEDURES AND FINES**

Establishing procedures for the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City, in the case of an alleged complaint against a licensed establishment or license holder, to make an offer of a monetary penalty as a compromise in lieu of a hearing before the Board under certain circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for certain alcoholic beverages violations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-2101 and 12-2802 - amended and § 12-2105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 917 Delegate Clippinger, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to approve a license expansion to a noncontiguous property with a separate use permit issued by the City if a certain condition is met; authorizing the establishment and conversion of various alcoholic beverages licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; extending for 1 year the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purposes of transferring the license to another owner at the same location; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

AB, §§ 12-104, 12-1604(c), and 12-1706(d) - amended and § 12-1604.1 - added  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 918 Delegate Fair****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION**

Authorizing in Frederick County the owner or operator of a certain unlicensed establishment to allow patrons who are at least 21 years old to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises for personal consumption; establishing certain authorizations and requirements for owners or operators of certain unlicensed establishments if patrons are allowed to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises for personal consumption; and altering and establishing penalties for certain alcoholic beverages violations in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 20-2501 and 20-2502 - amended and § 20-2503 - added  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 919 Delegate Rogers, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

Repealing the requirement that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal experience partial or total disability or death for hypertension to be presumed to be an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 920 Delegate Watson****CONSUMER PROTECTION – MOTOR VEHICLE GLASS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT – ADVANCED DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEM RECALIBRATION**

Establishing consumer protections related to the repair or replacement of motor vehicle glass on motor vehicles equipped with an advanced driver assistance system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvii) and 14-1327 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 921 Delegate Smith****PROPERTY TAX – IN REM FORECLOSURE**

Authorizing certain vacant property and nuisance property located in Baltimore City to be subject to a certain in rem foreclosure process; requiring service of a complaint for in rem foreclosure to be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules; providing for the distribution of surplus proceeds from the sale of property subject to an in rem foreclosure; authorizing an in rem foreclosure order to be set aside under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TP, §§ 14-874 through 14-876 - amended and §§ 14-877 and 14-878 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 922 Delegates Buckel and Hornberger****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Commerce from denying certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State certain economic development program benefits under certain circumstances; clarifying the eligibility of certain cannabis business entities conducting business in the State under the Job Creation and One Maryland programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 923** Delegate B. Barnes, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ALTERATIONS**

Providing that the Secretary of Higher Education is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Governor; altering eligibility criteria for, and the process for awards from, the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards; altering eligibility criteria for services provided to students through the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program; requiring community colleges to award Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships in place of the Office of Student Financial Assistance; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

ED, Various Sections - amended and added and Chapters 639 and 640 of the Acts of 2022, § 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations